



Policy on Birthday Invitations and Treats

Birthday parties are one of the highlights of childhood – for both the celebrant and the guest. However, there are few of us that can invite an entire class to a birthday party or accommodate 30 plus children in our homes. There are inevitably some children who get left out.

For this reason, **birthday invitations are not to be given out by the children while in school.** Children who are disappointed at not being included in the invitation list can be left pre-occupied, and this in turn, affects concentration and learning.

We ask your help in this matter by not sending any birthday invitations to be passed out at school or on the yard at home time. We compile a yearly parents' contact list in Junior Infants and seek parents' permission to pass their contact on to the other parents in the class. This gives the opportunity for parents to liaise with other parents for the purpose of birthday invitations / playdates etc.

Treats / Birthday cakes: The practice of leaving in a birthday cake / treats for sharing among all the pupils in the class is not encouraged in Ballygiblin National School. The request to share out the cake / treats is time consuming. We must also be aware of food allergies and our healthy eating policy. Children may also start placing expectations on their parents to send in a cake / treats for their birthdays.

Thanking you for your Support,

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